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SUBJECT: PEACEKEEPING WORKING GROUP

1. PEACEKEEPING WORKING GROUP IS NOW SCHEDULED TO MEET OCTOBER 6-12. WORKING GROUP'S RAPPORTEUR ALFARARAGI (EGYPT) MET WITH MISOFF IN LEADOFF OF ROUND OF INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS STRICTLY ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE. ALFARARAGI NOTED THAT WHILE OUTLOOK FOR PROGRESS ON THE MANDATE OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACEKEEPING CONTINUED DIM, THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST ON PART OF NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP TO KEEP EFFORT FROM DETERIORATING BEYOND ITS SEMI-MORIBUND STATE. ALFARARAGI WONDERED WHETHER THE INFORMAL PAPER PREPARED LAST YEAR BY MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP MIGHT BE RECONSIDERED. THE PAPER PROPOSED A "COMPROMISE FORMULA" WHEREBY AN ADVISORY BODY PER ARTICLE 29 OF THE CHARTER WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SYG IF HE SO REQUESTED. ALFARARAGI SAID HE RECALLED THE US POSITION WAS AT BEST THAT OF MILD INTEREST AND THAT THE SOVIETS HAD ON PRELIMINARY BASIS LOOKED ASKANCE BUT NOT REJECTED IT CATEGORICALLY. MISOFFS INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD REVIEW FILES AND BE IN TOUCH SOON ON INFORMAL BASIS.

2. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF WORKING GROUP, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT AUSTRAINS, AS MEMBER OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE, ARE PREPARING PROPOSAL SEEKING TO ESTABLISH A PEACEKEEPING TRAINING SEMINAR DESIGNED PARTICULARLY FOR
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TROOP CONTRIBUTORS. THEY WOULD HOPE NOT TO LINK THIS

INITIATIVE IN ANY WAY WITH UNITAR. IN SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT,
THE DANISH MISSION TOLD US THEIR FOREIGN OFFICE HAS
PREPARED, BUT NOT SUBMITTED, CATALOGUE OF OBSERVATIONS AND
EXPERIENCES AS A TROOP CONTRIBUTING NATION IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST
FROM SECRETARY OF WORKING GROUP LAST MAY FOR
CONTRIBUTORS' VIEWS. RESPONSES HAVE ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED
BY GREECE, ITALY AND SWEDEN AND AFTER TRANSLATION WILL BE
CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.
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